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LB 406, 523

PRESIDENT: We will proceed then with agenda item #4, motions on two bills. Motion first, Mr. Clerk, on LB 406. All right, they can be handled because they both are just changing...referral. Okay, handle both of them with one motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion I have is offered by the Government Committee and signed by the members. It reads as follows: To re-refer LBs 406 and 523 to the Government Committee from the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle on the motion.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of the body, we had a lot of discussion about this among our committee members, and first of all I want to assure you that there is no animosity between myself, for instance, and Senator Hefner who is Chairman of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, or any of the members of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. I had asked if our committee members wanted to bring this up that they get the signatures and if over half of the committee wanted to bring it up, I would also sign the resolution, which I did. I am sure there will be others speak about this but my concern, if there is one, is that if our committees are named correctly, and I think most of them are, that the reapportionment of state government should certainly be under the jurisdiction of the Government Committee, and I believe that that is the main reason that I even consider bringing it up. It was, of course, under Miscellaneous Subjects ten years ago, ^{to} my notion assigned wrongly or to the wrong committee. I think it should have been Government then. I don't know the circumstances that happened ten years ago. But the reason we are bringing it up this morning, we want the full body to have a look at it and with the noise on the floor I doubt if very many are listening so I think I am wasting my time. But that is the reason for the motion. Personally, I feel that if we are going to have a committee called a Government Committee, it should at least have a chance to handle government matters and then, of course, this year, of course, the assignment was really earmarked for the Government Committee by Dr. Rodgers' office, and I think that is a good indication of where he thought it should go. I also have no fight with the Executive Board. They certainly have a right to go with it where they want to, but we are asking you this morning to reconsider and if we lose the vote, why we lose the vote. But I personally